

# VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT

## FY 20: IOWA SNAPSHOT

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victims Assistance program provides congressional appropriated dollars to states to award grants to local public and non-profit agencies providing direct services to crime victims in their communities. VOCA grants support sexual assault, domestic violence, culturally specific and shelter comprehensive programs; child advocacy centers, services to rural victims, homicide programs, victim legal assistance services, elder abuse programs, and other services to underserved crime victims. VOCA grant dollars are used to respond to the emotional, physical, and safety needs of a victim, including shelter/housing services, criminal/civil justice system services, and crime victim compensation.

In Iowa, hundreds of VOCA grants have been awarded in the last two years, providing direct services to tens of thousands of crime victims. It is imperative that VOCA funds continue at the current level in order to meet victim needs, especially as more state and local governments face revenue shortfalls and budget deficits as a result of the global pandemic. If current funding levels are not sustained, victim services will be eliminated or greatly reduced.

**55,902**

VICTIMS  
SERVED IN  
IOWA

**118**

VOCA GRANTS  
AWARDED



Iowa Attorney General's Office  
CRIME VICTIM  
ASSISTANCE  
DIVISION



**3,577**

Compensation  
applications  
received



**119,429**

Nights of shelter  
provided



**232,918**

Crisis calls received  
by advocates



**125,143**

Volunteer hours helping  
victims in their communities